

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are pending in this application after this amendment. Claims 1, 5, and 13 are independent. In light of the amendments and remarks contained herein, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections.

In the outstanding official action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-8 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Donoho et al.* (USP 6,801,929) in view of *Focsancanu et al.* (USP 5,991,292); rejected claims 2, 4, 6, and 8 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Donoho et al.* in view of *Focsancanu et al.* and further in view of *Stumer* (US Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0064271); and rejected claims 9-12 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Donoho et al.* in view of *Focsancanu et al.* and further in view of *Kang* (US Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0074450). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

By this Amendment, Applicants have amended the claims to more appropriately recite the present invention. It is respectfully submitted that these amendments are being without conceding the propriety of the Examiner's rejection, but merely to timely advance prosecution of the present application.

Examiner Interview

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the Interview conducted on August 15, 2005. During the Interview, the Applicants' representative discussed the present invention and further

discussed the deficiencies of the cited prior art. It is respectfully submitted that the amendments and arguments included herein are made further to the discussions had during the Interview.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103

By this Amendment, Applicants have amended claim 1 to recite, *inter alia*, an informing system for providing information through a local area network having a plurality of devices, the informing system comprising a properties file producing device that produces a properties file showing settings relating to at least one of the following: whether or not an informing job has priority over other informing jobs, whether the informing job will be preformed automatically or manually, a range of the informing job, and which of plurality of devices on the local area network will perform the informing job, when information is received at the communication device, determination is made on how to provide the received information based on settings included in the properties file.

In contrast, the disclosure of *Donoho et al.* is directed to a relevance clause for computed relevance messaging. The system allows information providers to broadcast information to a population of information consumers. The advice site may comprise a directory of advice files 51A-51B and inspector files 52A-52B which may be communicated to the outside world 54 via such media as a directory message server 55, an HTTP server 56 and an FTP server 57 or a file server 58 (column 8, lines 10-16).

Additionally at column 8, lines 24-34, *Donoho et al.* teaches as follows:

The advice reader 20 (see Fig. 6), at scheduled intervals or under user manual control via a user interface 65, gathers advisories to which the user subscribes. Subscription to advisories are entered with a subscription manager 67 based, at least in part, on information in various user site definition files 68. Advisories are gathered from the advice provider's advice site 33a-33b using gatherer 60. The reader then parses the advisories using an unwrapper 61 and adds these advisories to any already existing body of advisories. Advisories may be provided to the reader via any of several sources, including alternate input streams 62.

However, there is no teaching or suggestion in *Donoho et al.* that is directed to a properties file producing device that produces a properties file showing settings relating to those elements listed, when information is received at the communication device, a determination is made on how to provide the received information based on the settings included in the properties file. It is respectfully submitted that *Focsancanu et al.* fails to cure the deficiencies of the teachings of *Donoho et al.* as *Focsancanu et al.* fails to teach or suggest the property producing device as claimed. As neither of the references, either alone or in combination, teach or suggest the elements as set forth in claim 1, as amended, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is patentable over the references as cited by the Examiner. As such, it is respectfully requested that the outstanding rejection be withdrawn.

It is respectfully submitted that claims 2-4 are allowable for the reasons set forth above with regard to claim 1, at least based upon their dependency on claim 1. It is further respectfully submitted that claims 5 and 13 include elements similar to those discussed above with regard to claim 1 and thus these claims, together with claims dependent thereon, are allowable over the references as cited by the Examiner for the reasons set forth above with regard to claim 1.

Conclusion

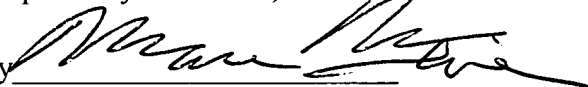
In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Catherine M. Voisinnet (Reg. No. 52,327) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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